

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

September 20, 2004

S. 2408 Montana National Forests Boundary Adjustment Act of 2004

As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on September 15, 2004

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2408 would have no significant impact on the federal budget. Enacting the bill would not affect direct spending or revenues. S. 2408 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would have no significant impact on the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

S. 2408 would expand the boundaries of three national forests in Montana to include roughly 34,000 acres of federal and nonfederal land. Based on information from the Forest Service, CBO estimates that the proposed expansion would increase the agency's costs to manage those forests by less than \$100,000 a year. Spending for such costs would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

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